

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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My dear Mr. Manley:

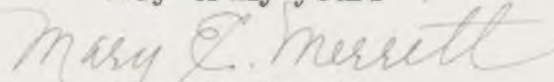
In behalf of Mr. Charles Edison, who is at present on the West Coast inspecting various Naval activities, may I acknowledge for him the receipt of your letter of April 5th.

May I take the liberty to express to you the Secretary's appreciation for the cordial invitation to be present at the Opening game of The Negro National League Baseball season on Sunday, May 5th, at Ruppert Stadium, Newark, New Jersey.

I regret to have to advise you, however, that a previous engagement of long standing will prevent Mr. Edison from being in attendance on May 5th.

With best wishes for a most successful occasion, I remain

Very truly yours



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to

The Secretary of the Navy

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